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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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The Great Denial

By James M. Stalker
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"Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly."—Luke 22:54-62.

To the ecclesiastical trial of our Lord there is a side-piece over which we must linger before proceeding to the civil trial. At the very hour when in the hall of the high priest's house Christ was uttering His great confession, one of His disciples was, in the court of the same building, pouring out denial after denial.

I. Following Jesus to His Trial

When Jesus was bound in Gethsemane and led away back to Jerusalem, all His disciples forsook Him and fled. They disappeared, I suppose, among the bushes and trees of the garden and escaped into the surrounding country or wherever they thought they would be safe.

But two of the twelve—St. Pet-

er and St. John, who tells the story—soon rallied from the first panic and followed, at a distance, the band in whose midst their Master was. Keeping in the shadow of the trees by the roadside, keeping in the shadow of the houses in the streets, they stole after the moving mass. At last, when it got near its destination—the palace of the high priest—they hurried forward; and St. John went in with the crowd; but somehow, probably through irresolution, St. Peter was left outside in the street; and the door was shut.

To understand what follows, it is necessary to describe more in detail the construction of such a

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The Meaning of the Resurrection

By Dr. John R. Rice

(Preached Easter Sunday morning, April 9, 1950, at Grand Harbour, Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, Canada, in a revival campaign. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

"And that he was seen of Cephas [that's Peter], then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."—I Cor. 15:1-8.

New Testament preachers made much of the resurrection. Every time Peter or Paul stood up to preach, they preached about a resurrected Saviour. 'You killed Him,' Peter said, 'but God raised Him from the dead.' We ought

to preach much about a Saviour who is alive today, not one who died only, but one who rose again.

Some people feel that the death of Christ is the gospel. No, no! There are three elements in the gospel, as Paul preached it. First, the death of Christ; second, the resurrection of Christ; and third, all of these had to be "according to the scriptures." If Christ had died any other way, or if He had not risen from the dead, we would have no gospel. Paul says, 'This is the gospel I preach, how Christ was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.'

This is a matter so well settled that a man would be a fool not to believe what the Bible says about this.

In Acts 1, the Scripture says that Christ came after His resurrection and "by many infallible proofs" showed Himself alive after His resurrection, dwelling with them for forty days and speaking of things pertaining to the kingdom of God. "Many infallible proofs" of Christ's resurrection.

Let us imagine that Paul preached and said, "I saw Jesus on the road to Damascus, so I know He is risen from the dead."

Somebody says, "Paul, that was just a vision! I don't believe that! That's just a hallucination. You were all wrought up because you had run around killing people and now your conscience hurts you."

Paul said, "All right, I'll take you to Simon Peter. Peter, I want you to tell this fellow about Jesus rising from the dead."

Peter said, "He sure did. I didn't believe it at first. When the women went to the tomb and came back and said the tomb was empty and an angel sat there on the door of that sepulchre and said He had risen from the dead—when the women came and told me, I didn't believe it." Then Peter said, "John and I ran to the sepulchre. John was younger than I and he outran me. He got there first and looked in. I came barging on up there. I just ran right into that sepulchre, cut out in the rock, and Jesus wasn't there. There were the graveclothes, so I knew He was risen."

But the fellow said, "I don't be-

lieve that. Somebody stole His body."

But Peter said, "Wait a minute! That isn't all the story. We were, that evening, all in the upper room. We were so troubled; we couldn't believe it; it seemed too good to be true. Suddenly Jesus Himself was right there in the midst of us. He was right there! We were all scared and thought we'd seen a ghost. Then Jesus said, 'Come on, put your hands here. Feel of Me. See, I'm not a ghost, I have flesh and bones.' He said, 'Have you anything here to eat?'" Peter says, "We got Him some broiled fish and honeycomb, and He ate before us. Yes," Peter said, "our hands have handled Him, and this is not a cunningly devised fable. We saw it, so we know."

"Well," the man says, "I can't believe that."

Paul says, "Thomas, what do you think about it?"

Said Thomas, "I wouldn't believe it either. I told the folks they were all crazy. When I got home that day and Jesus had been there and I hadn't seen Him, I said, 'I don't believe it. I'll never believe it. Until I put my fingers in the wounds in His hands and put my hands in the side where that spear went and see for myself. I'll never believe

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Gambling With HELL!

By Evangelist Paul Levin
Carlock, Illinois

"My spirit shall not always strive with man."—Gen. 6:3.

The story is told of a man who came to America and amassed a fortune. He invested all his savings in a precious gem and sailed for Europe where he intended to turn his investment back into cash and enjoy life in retirement.

Out on the high seas he entertained the passengers by tossing his priceless jewel into the air and catching it. The women watched with rapt attention as the gem sparkled and glittered in the sun. The word soon got around that he was toying with his life's earnings.

Then one day he thought he'd get a little more attention by leaning over the side of the vessel and repeating his performance. People gasped. Some warned him of his foolish pride, but he kept right on in his folly.

Then one day it happened. He threw the sparkler into the air, but he couldn't reach it when it came down. Though he made a desperate effort to retrieve his priceless gem, he failed and he watched it fall down, down, down, and with a tiny little splash, disappear into the murky water.

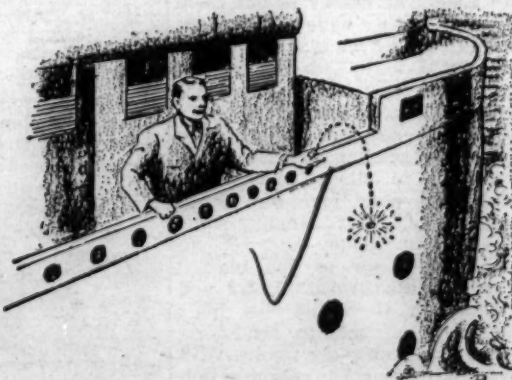
You say that man was a fool.

You are right. Any man who gambles with his entire fortune is a fool. But the person who gambles with his soul is a much bigger fool. The man who lost his gem might earn another fortune. But if you gamble with your soul and lose, you lose FOREVER.

You say, "Don't bother me about the Lord and salvation. I have plenty of time. I never felt better in my life. I'll be saved later on. Right now I have more important things to think about."

My friend, you are a gambler. You are taking a frightful chance. You may die much sooner than you think. If you lose in this 'fearful' game of risk, it will cost you your soul—forever.

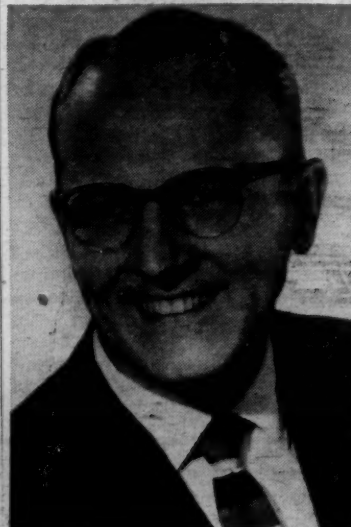
"... it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Notice, it is appointed unto men *once* to die. Why does the Bible say "once"? Because you are going to die just once. You had better be ready when that time comes, for after you die, you will not return to have a second chance and then die again.



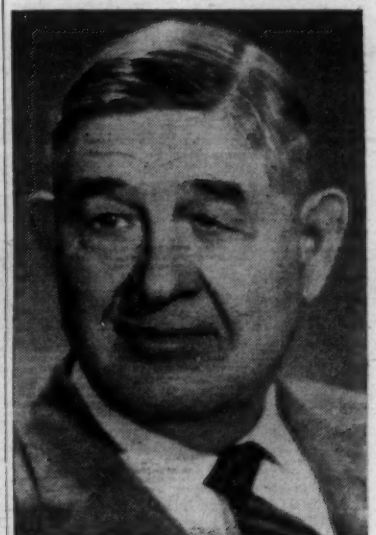
God Strives With Men

One day God said to Noah, "I want you to build an ark. I am going to judge this wicked generation with a flood. You and your family will be safe in the ark. And, Noah, multitudes will gather to watch you and ask questions,"

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Evangelist Paul Levin



Dr. John R. Rice

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We very badly need your help on the "Voice of Revival" radio broadcast. A deficit of some \$10,000 on last year's program is yet to be paid, besides the thousands of pamphlets which we are giving away. I suggest that all who hear the broadcast and others who are interested in this non-profit missionary enterprise, as a way of getting out the Gospel to millions, join us in earnest prayer, and as God leads, in sacrificial giving.

Please note the radio log in this issue, and see if you can hear "Voice of Revival" broadcast at the time specified on the station nearest you.

A Beautiful New Pink Edition of the Booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

It cost us more money, we used more expensive paper, and the pink paper was printed in maroon ink. But the last half million copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" are more beautiful, and we think will be more useable in getting people saved.

Although the printing cost is more, we are still offering this soul-winning pamphlet, which has been used of God to win many thousands of souls, at only \$2.00 per hundred, plus 15c per hundred for packing and postage.

If you have never used this booklet, I suggest you send 10c for three copies postpaid. Give a copy to some friend, tell him earnestly you want him to read it. Call his attention to the decision form on page 23 and ask him to please tell you tomorrow whether or not he is ready to sign that decision form and definitely trust Christ as Saviour. Will you give it a real trial?

You Can Get Someone Saved!

Most lost people never had a loving friend to say to them kindly, "I want you to trust Christ as your Saviour. I am praying for you." Some have received a little inexpensive tract from a stranger, but not many ever had a beautiful booklet given by a friend, a booklet popular and attractive, with an earnest entreaty that they read this pamphlet which has been published in more than twenty-five languages and in ten or fifteen million copies around the world! Yes, you can get somebody saved with the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Why not get three copies for a dime, or one hundred copies for \$2.00 plus 15c

Carolina Preachers Commend Sword Stand

On March 4 the Eastern Carolina Missionary Baptist Fellowship was in session at Durham, North Carolina. There the case of Dr. Edward John Carnell's book, *The Case for Orthodox Theology*, came up, and the brethren wrote the following letter to the editor:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"As a group of Bible-believing, Bible-preaching ministers of the Gospel, we want to commend you for the firm stand you have taken in regard to the false teaching as found in Dr. Edward John Carnell's book, *The Case for Orthodox Theology*.

"We believe that your review of the book is accurate and proper. We believe that Dr. Carnell has not presented in any wise a true picture of Bible orthodoxy as we understand it. We believe, too, that he is wrong and deliberately misleading when he:

"1. Says all parts of the Bible are not equally inspired.

"2. Teaches organic evolution and genetic derivation of one order of species from another.

"3. Repudiates premillennial truth for reform doctrine and amillennialism.

"4. Sneers at those who oppose Hollywood movies, dance, alcoholic drink and the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

"5. Says it is a sin to leave

major denominations because of modernism.

"6. Says the greatest perils of orthodoxy are fundamentalism, dispensationalism, and separatism.

"We appreciate your willingness to allow Bible scholars to study the book and your review in lieu of making recommendations as to which is the correct position for orthodoxy. By the mere fact that Dr. Charles Fuller and Fuller Seminary Dean Harold Lindsell have refused to accept your fair proposition it clearly reveals to us that they, as well as Dr. Carnell, are afraid to face the facts.

"Dr. Rice, we stand with you in this matter. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and guide you in maintaining leadership as we all earnestly contend for the faith."

"Sincerely in Christ,
"Eastern Carolina Missionary Baptist Fellowship"

The following preachers signed the letter:

Rev. Otis R. Holmes
Rev. Garland D. Jacobs
Rev. S. A. Sheriff
Rev. Donald R. Bryan
Rev. Jack W. Finch
Rev. E. G. Robertson
Rev. J. L. Matthews
Rev. John R. Little
Rev. H. Moody Roberts
Rev. Ed

postage and give it an honest trial day by day?

Another Long Journey: We Need Your Prayers

On Saturday, March 25, Mrs. Rice and I fly to Greenville, South Carolina, where we will visit friends including our daughter Joy at Bob Jones University. Then Sunday through Wednesday I will be preaching at the Haynes Baptist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Thursday through Sunday, April 3, I will be speaking in the Bob Jones University Bible Conference.

Then a long trip to Norfolk, Virginia, where I will be engaged for four days speaking twice daily or more often.

With the very heavy burdens of the editorship upon me, I shrink a little from leaving. Yet it is so blessed to preach the Word and I know that God will be with me as He has been for so many years, blessing thousands.

But I feel a need for your prayers and I beg those who love the Lord and those who are concerned about this ministry to join us in

prayer for God's protection, God's strength, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Oh, Breath of Heaven, move on God's servant!

What An Offer! Introductory Subscriptions 6 Months \$1.00

We are greatly interested here in the Sword of the Lord office in getting many, many thousands of subscriptions during the present special offer. We will lose some money in making the stencil for a six months subscription, then sending all of the renewal blanks and letters necessary to get them renewed. But we believe that thousands of new friends ought to get acquainted with THE SWORD and that many would take it permanently if they learned what a blessing it can be. So will you help us by sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD to others? Don't you think that your love for Christ would justify your spending some money, your money and His, to introduce others to the blessed pages of THE SWORD? Don't you think that it would be little enough investment to send THE SWORD for twenty-six weeks, with twenty-six sermons specially addressed to the unsaved, one each week, as well as the Bible teaching and devotional and inspirational sermons? Don't you think that you love some of your relatives and Christian friends enough to bless their hearts and homes with a short subscription?

Remember that in Canada or the United States you may send new subscriptions for only \$1.00 for six months. And if your subscription order amounts to \$10 or more you may include your own renewal subscription with others at this rate of \$1.00 for six months, \$2.00 a year, etc.

We are counting on God's people, our friends, to help bear this burden and spread this blessed Gospel. Address THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

Hurry! SWORD Sunday April 24

We hope that in every church where we have a good friend as pastor or deacon or lay leader, someone will bring up the matter of a SWORD Sunday. In one principal Sunday service someone could give out sample copies of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, one to each family. A few words could be said about THE SWORD, then envelopes passed out to those who would like to subscribe at the special introductory rate of \$1.00 for six months, \$2.00 a year. Will

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INCIDENTS

And Illustrations

By
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

The Case of Caryl Chessman

Convicted kidnap-robber-sex pervert Caryl Chessman is a national hero! As I write these lines he is better known, and apparently believed to be worthy of greater consideration, than any minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in America, with the possible exception of Billy Graham. Unnumbered multitudes around the world have risen up to vehemently defend him and protest his just execution after twelve years of almost unbelievable stalling brought about by what he himself terms "unparalleled legal black magic."

As the deadline for his scheduled death drew near on February 19, a flood of petitions, meetings and editorials urged sparing his life. University of California students and faculty members, 1,300 strong, signed and sent a petition to Governor Edmund Brown asking clemency. Scores of others marched up and down Market Street in San Francisco carrying signs demanding that Chessman not be executed. Abroad, the sentiment favoring life for this beast of perversion was equally emphatic.

From England to the Mediterranean, the California State Supreme Court's rejection of his last-minute plea was headlined on the press' front pages. In the former, even Queen Elizabeth's imminent birth of a third child was pushed into the background in favor of Chessman news. In Stockholm, a leading newspaper sent a petition requesting clemency to Governor Brown signed by 90,000 Swedes. Another 9,000 university students at Geneva signed and sent their petition to Brown requesting a reprieve. Some in Brazil sent telegrams to President Eisenhower, and other protests came from Italy, France, Germany, Portugal, Argentina, Uruguay and elsewhere. Even the Vatican's newspaper joined Rome's Communist newspaper in requesting clemency.

These "Save Chessman"-clubs—helped along by pleas from such big names as Eleanor Roosevelt, Walter Wanger and Rabbi Max Nussbaum—were not spontaneous. They were planned, promoted and financed as part of the great anti-American propaganda crusade.

As a result of this action amounting to what one editor called "international blackmail," Chessman was granted still another 60-day stay, setting the stage for another world-wide demonstration potential on May 2. Chessman, called by one metropolitan newspaper the "world's champ at stalling death," has now broken eight death dates with the gas chamber.

Yet no intelligent person—and I mean no one—doubts Chessman's guilt in spite of his profuse, arrogant protests to the contrary.

Convicted on May 22, 1948, of a total of seventeen crimes including perverted sexual attacks on two women whom he kidnapped for robbery with bodily harm (for which he received the death penalty), he was also found guilty of four other kidnappings, seven robberies, two perverted sexual assaults, one attempted rape, one burglary and one auto theft. According to his own confession in one of the four books he has written while waiting to die ("Cell 2455 Death Row," a best-seller from which a movie was made, "Trial by Ordeal," "The Face of Justice," and "The Kid Was a Killer"), he "became a criminal and outlaw by choice." His official criminal record, which began when he was 16, includes repeated car thefts, burglary, more than a dozen robberies, two escapes from imprisonment, assault with a deadly weapon, and assault with intent to commit murder in shooting a policeman. His repeated appeals (15 of them to the United States Supreme Court) have cost the taxpayers more than a quarter of a million dollars.

What is Chessman like? A federal appellate judge, Richard Chambers, called him "an arro-

gant, truculent man spewing vitriol on one person after another," and declared in answering one of the convict's recent appeals, "We see (in Chessman) an exhibitionist who never had before such opportunity for exhibition. I think he has heckled his keeper long enough." A man who refuses to repent of even the most vicious crimes, one prison psychiatrist called him "absolutely ruthless and callous." Even Governor Brown, an outspoken anti-capital punishment advocate, confessed: "His attitude has been one of steadfast arrogance and contempt for society and its laws. The evidence of his guilt is overwhelming." Newspaper columnist George Murray called him a man with one obsession: "He thinks that he's smarter than anybody else."

Yet still the sob-sister sentimentalists plead for permission to let this depraved reprobate flaunt retributive justice! This in spite of the fact that of the two women whom he subjected to perverted sexual attacks, one was convalescing from a long period of hospitalization due to infantile paralysis and the other was so emotionally disturbed as a result of the attack that she has been in state mental institutions most of the time since and is even today still confined. It is a pity that some of the sympathy wasted on this "arrogant, truculent" monster cannot be directed toward his innocent victims!

As the Quincy (Ill.) Herald-Whig commented editorially, "Chessman's case has become a cause for countless bleeding hearts who helped to make a travesty of law. They seem to have forgotten—as so often is the case—of the victims of his brutally perverted crimes. . . . Those who sympathized with Chessman have pointed out that his accomplishments during his dozen years in death row prove him a man of unusual ability, and that the years of stress and strain have been worse for him than execution. It might be argued, however, that his accomplishments have been completely selfish, that his life has been one of defiance of society since youth, and that he literally has enjoyed his spot in the limelight."

To quote Columnist Murray again, his conclusion was: "As far as I'm concerned, Chessman can pay his debt and quit stalling. I've never learned to like a welsher and he's one of the worst."

Note in conclusion two timely truths: (1) Even Caryl Chessman, fallen to the very lowest depths of human depravity, could be saved by coming to Christ in faith, for, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13); and, (2) There will eventually be a J-Day (Judgment Day) for Chessman, no matter how successfully he flaunts the courts of this country, "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:11, 12).

Should Prince Charles, Princess Anne, and Prince Andrew Marry Negroes?

Presbyterians in England must be hanging their heads a little lower than usual these days. One of their clergymen, Rev. William H. Barbour of Newcastle-on-Tyne, recently advocated in his parish magazine that Queen Elizabeth endeavor to marry off her children to Negroes. The misguided, foolish gentleman thought it would "promote world brotherhood!"

On the contrary, it would undoubtedly foment a new wave of race hatred, open antagonism and misunderstanding. How much better it would be if Negro and white alike were won to the Saviour, being born again into His heavenly family and thereby joining together in a brotherhood of reality—sons of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:14-17). As Galatians 3:26 expressed it, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

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Kids KORNER

By Aunt Mary

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

As I talked this week to a friend, she told me how her two little girls had brought to her THE SWORD telling of Andy's answer to prayer when his dog Pug was sick. Angela and Alicia wanted their mother to read the story over and over again to them. They loved hearing how God had answered the prayer of a little boy who felt that Christmas would be ruined if his dog died. Incidentally, Pug is now the healthy mother of three little fat, wiggly puppies who have just barely gotten their eyes open.

Did you enjoy the story of Andy's answer to prayer? Have you had a special prayer answered in an unusual way that might be a blessing to others? Have you asked God for something that you needed desperately, or something that you just wanted? How has God answered your prayers?

I remember a time when we just didn't have food for another meal and wouldn't have any money till the next day. It was garden season, and friends had been generous with their potatoes and green beans; so I prayed, "Lord, let someone give us some beans and potatoes today." We went on to church, but no one slipped a bag of produce into our car. I was scared and desperate. Two little girls and a tiny boy needed food. Then, in an unusual way, from people I hardly knew, came gifts of—not potatoes and beans which the Lord knew we were tired of—but fried chicken, fresh corn on the cob, and bright red fresh tomatoes. I fixed that lovely dinner with tears of joy and thankfulness running into the food pots. My faith was not great, but it was enough for a great God.

Has God answered your prayer for help in danger, for help in facing wrong and doing right in-

stead? Perhaps God has helped you to overcome a bad habit—thumbsucking or nail-biting or fussing with a little brother or sister. Will you write, telling me of how God answered your prayer? I will try to share with our Sword Bearer Club members and all who read Kids Korner the most interesting of your stories. And of course my own heart will be thrilled as I read your letters.

Most of your prayers are not foolish, are they? I remember when our oldest daughter was three and a half that she prayed a prayer that tickled Mother and must have delighted God Himself. After "God bless Mommy and God bless Daddy, bless the baby and Faithie," she added, "And give us husbands for Faithie and me when we are grown." (Perhaps living near four young lady aunts made her husband-conscious.) In the same prayer she prayed for her daddy who was preaching in Kansas, "And help Daddy to get all the people in Kansas saved." Of course God hasn't yet answered that prayer for husbands after ten years, and not all the people in Kansas were saved during that week. But God did help Lloyds Jean "to be a good girl, and bring Daddy home safe again."

Any little girl or boy has a right to pray, "Lord, help my little friend Joe to be saved." God delights to answer that prayer. And many a young woman has prayed in earnest for a Christian husband and God has been pleased to answer her.

I will be looking for your letter and will be so happy to know how your prayer was answered.

Lovingly,

Aunt Mary

P. S. Don't forget our Bird Life story.

Ruffled Feathers



She began to line her nest with string.

Mrs. Vireo and Mrs. Catbird were such lovely birds in general and each had so many fine personal qualities that it was too bad they should have "ruffled feathers" toward one another.

Too bad for Mrs. Vireo and Mrs. Catbird, in the first place, for they were both quite miserable. No bird is ever happy with ruffled feathers. Too bad for the First Birdierian Church of Wington in the second place, because almost every bird knew about it and some took Mrs. Vireo's side, while others were for Mrs. Catbird. And withal there was no little squawking and quacking in public and still more in private, which is not a nice thing in any church.

I am not sure how it started. Various reports were in circulation as is always the case when two prominent church members have trouble. One report had it that it all began the Sunday Mrs. Vireo came to church with a new spring feather in her hat. She looked quite stunning, as a matter of fact, but Mrs. Catbird, being "put out" because she had not thought of it first, whispered to Mrs. Starling, "What an outlandish creation! What some old hens will do to attract attention!"—which might not have been so bad

but for the fact Mrs. Crow overheard her and told Mrs. Vireo. "Jealousy!" snapped Mrs. Vireo. After that she didn't care for Mrs. Catbird at all, and always tried to sit on the opposite side of the church on Sundays so she wouldn't have to speak to her.

Silly, wasn't it, to make so much ado over a little feather? But both Mrs. Catbird and Mrs. Vireo were very vain women—I mean birds. So several new feathers ruffled up every time they met, even though their words to one another were as soft and as sweet as honey!

Once they almost made up. There was the Sunday morning that Pastor Penguin preached on the text, "Except ye forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Heavenly Father forgive you." In the quiet prayer period following that sermon, both of them felt so very guilty and ashamed! Mrs. Vireo said to herself, "This very afternoon I will ring up Mrs. Catbird on the phone." While Mrs.

tune in the

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Catbird made up her mind that she would call on Mrs. Vireo and apologize. But afterward each of them began to think that it was the other's place to make the first move, so neither did anything.

But shall I tell you how they did become reconciled? It was quite early in the spring when something very wonderful happened in Mrs. Vireo's nest—three little eggs became three little birds. As Edwin Markham, the poet, has it:

"There are three green eggs in a small brown pocket,
And the breeze will swing and the gale will rock it,
'Til three little birds on the thin edge teeter,
And our God be glad, and our world be sweeter!"

It was certainly one happy day in the Vireo family when those three little birdies pecked their way through their shells and began to say, "Peep, peep" to one another.

About two weeks later, while Mrs. Vireo was away hunting her babies a worm, Mrs. Catbird was searching for something soft with which to line her nest, when to her surprise and delight she came upon the end of a nice brown string—

"Just the thing
A piece of string"

she sang and away she flew with the end tightly clasped in her bill. Then she began to line her nest, pulling in more and more of the string as she did. But at last she was not able to pull any more, for somehow the string had become tight. So away she flew, following along the string to find out what was the matter.

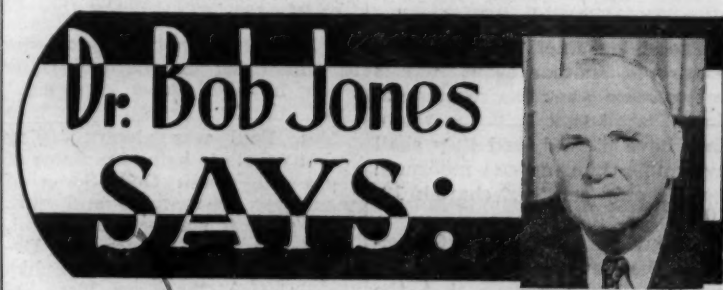
About thirty feet away she came to—what do you suppose? Mrs. Vireo's nest!—or rather what had been her nest—for now it was almost a total wreck. You see, Mrs. Vireo had built her nest out

of the other end of the string and Mrs. Catbird, although of course she did not know it, had been ruining the Vireo nest as she fixed her own. The three little Vireos had fallen to the ground, spraining their ankles as they did so, and were almost frightened to death.

What did Mrs. Catbird do? She flew to her nest to bring the string back and just as fast as she could she set to work to rebuild Mrs. Vireo's nest. Then down to the foot of the tree, where by this time the three little Vireos were

shaking from the cold. She invited them one by one to hop up on her back, and thus carried them safely back to their nest again. Then she sat down on the nest and spread her wings over them so they wouldn't catch bird-monia. And do you know, when she did that, so much love welled up in her heart that her ruffled feathers all smoothed out again. When Mrs. Vireo came back and heard what had happened, she was so relieved to find her children safe, and so grateful to Mrs. Catbird, that she

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It has been my privilege in recent months to conduct one-day evangelistic conferences in a number of centers throughout the United States. Wherever I have gone, I have found graduates of Bob Jones University; and practically all of them are outstanding, consecrated, faithful, Christian leaders, and a large percentage of them are very active soul winners. When we founded Bob Jones University, we felt sure we were right; but after being in this business thirty-three years, we know we were right. God called Bob Jones University into existence. We have approximately six hundred of our former students who are on the foreign mission field; and, of course, they are real soul winners. We thank God for these missionaries and praise Him for the large number of evange-

lists and the approximately a thousand pastors and many hundreds of Christian school teachers who got their training here and who are doing a good work.

My friends, won't you pray for us; and won't you please help us financially? We have two dormitories now under construction. We must have more room if we are going to take care of the students who wish to come to school this coming year. If you have friends you wish to see enroll this coming school year, please send us their names and addresses as early as possible.

We need your help. Please let us hear from you. Thank you, and God bless you.

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"SORRY, PAUL!"

By the Editor

"Yes, I am sorry, Paul; we had a wonderful missionary journey together, and I would like to go in with you in this work throughout the Roman Empire. But my sister's boy, Mark—I must take care of him. I know the boy quit on us before; got homesick and all that. But he is my nephew, and I feel I must get him into the work. Sorry to quit you, Paul, but you see how it is."

So said Barnabas to Paul when they broke up their evangelistic team. Barnabas took Mark with him and Paul sought another partner and took with him Silas (see Acts 15:36-40).

A man who has a world-wide vision, any man upon whom God has laid a great missionary vision, must have helpers. So Paul got all the help he could. But always Paul found people backing out, people who quit when the going was tough, people for whom it was not convenient just then to help Paul win souls.

"I am sorry, Paul," said Demas. "I have been a good worker with you for a long time. But you are shut up here in jail, and I don't know when you will get your head cut off. Besides, I am not willing to give up all my pleasures and fun." So Paul, the aged prisoner for the Lord, in jail at Rome, shortly before he died, wrote Timothy, saying, "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica . . ." (II Tim.

Not "Save Thyself!" But "Remember Me!"

The common crowd reviling our Lord as He hung on the cross wagged their heads saying, "Save thyself, if thou be the Son of God."

The chief priests, scribes and elders declared, "If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him." The Roman soldiers mocked Him, saying, "If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself" and one of the malefactors railed on him, saying, "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us."

Only one in all that motley company rebuked the universal sentiment, "Save thyself." The dying thief said, "Remember me!" He alone discerned who our Lord Jesus Christ really was. He saw that if Jesus would save others He could not save Himself. Dysmas, the penitent thief, alone realized that an event of divine reconciliation was occurring under the guise of human tragedy.

This condemned felon openly confessed Jesus as Lord and certainly must have believed that God would raise him from the dead for he said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom."

The dying thief is a beautiful picture of another event that is yet to come when the remnant of Israel "shall" look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son." (Zechariah 12:10.)

Meanwhile this task of Gospelizing the Jews occupies all our energies. Many believe that the time of Israel's awakening is close. Your fellowship in bringing the Gospel to the brothers of our Lord in the flesh will qualify you for the blessed promise of Genesis 12:3.

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4:10).

"I am sorry, Paul," Crescens said, "I feel I must go to Galatia to preach."

"I am sorry, Paul. I would be glad to stay here and write your letters and carry your messages, and stand up to testify for you when you are tried for your life. But I feel called to preach, not to stay here and wait on you." So Titus went to Dalmatia, as we learn in II Timothy 4:10.

"We are sorry, Paul," wrote a number of the Christians in the church at Corinth. We know that you won us to Christ. We know that you are God's apostle. But we have learned a lot since you were here, and we have learned that your bodily presence is weak and your speech contemptible. Oh, you write weighty letters, all right; but we have better preachers now."

Some of them said, "I am for Apollos. He is an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, a much better preacher than Paul."

Others of them said, "We are for Peter, the very chief of the apostles, the man who preached at Pentecost. (Paul was not even converted then, but Peter was with Jesus all through his ministry.) Peter walked on the water. Sorry, Paul, but we are for Peter."

Others said, "We are for Christ. We don't need to follow anybody else. It doesn't matter, Paul, about your being the one who won us to Christ and taught us all we know. We are just going to follow Christ and not follow men, even if it is God's apostle who led us to salvation." (See I Cor. 3:4; II Cor. 10:10).

"We are sorry, Paul," said some of the Christians at Galatia. "Yes, it is true that when you were here and won us to Jesus Christ, we would have plucked out our eyes and have given them to you. But now we have learned so much better how to be circumcised, keep the Sabbath and the ceremonial law, and this stand is a lot more popular with the Jews. No, we can't help you, Paul, in your world-wide ministry of getting the Gospel out everywhere. We have our own program." (See Gal. 4:15-18 and various places in the epistle to the Galatians.)

"I am so sorry, Paul," I would certainly like to go to Corinth and help out with the new converts there. But it is not convenient just at this time. So it is not my will to go. Sorry, Paul." So spoke Apollos. So Paul the apostle wrote very sadly, "As touching our brother, Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren; but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time." (I Cor. 16:12).

Yes, Paul was always trying to get people to help him. Some of them did, thank God. Some of them got preoccupied and quit. With some it was not convenient, as with Apollos. Others, like Demas, loved the world. Some, like the Galatian Christians, were led into false doctrine and cults. Others, like the Christians at Corinth, were won away to the leadership of the other men, or got proud and haughty notions. But, thank God for Silas and Timothy and Phebe, the servant of the church at Cenchrea, and other fellow-laborers who were true and helped Paul carry on the Empire-wide ministry to which God had called him!

Do You Say, "I Am Sorry, Brother Rice" And Ignore the Duty and Opportunity of Sending Subscriptions to "The Sword of the Lord"?

Of course this unworthy editor is not worthy to tie the shoes of Paul the apostle. But we have this in common: God has given me a burden to get out the Gospel

Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

5,018 persons attended the 20 services of the Evangelistic Crusade held from Feb. 28 to Mar. 13 in the Centenary Evangelical United Brethren Church, Biglerville, Pa., Rev. Laverne E. Rohrbaugh, the pastor, writes. **DR. BILL RICE** of Murfreesboro, Tenn., served as the evangelist and Mr. Bud Lyles of Wheaton, Ill., as the musical director and soloist. This church seats 220 and had an average attendance of 250 with as many as

around the world. Every day my heart burns within me for the more than 20,000 preachers who read THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Oh, may God help me to stir them, to bless them, to encourage them, to get them to seek the power of God, to stand fast for the Word, to win souls, to help revive the saints of God! Every day my heart burns for the foreign missionaries who read THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I am concerned and burdened for ministerial students, for young Christians, for Christian workers everywhere. God has given me more to do than I can possibly do without lots of help. And at this very moment we are in a brief campaign to get thousands of subscriptions, new and renewal. The only possible way for us to reach our goal (the goal that God has given to us and which we believe He has laid on our heart to reach) is for many, many Christians to help us. Literally thousands of people ought to send in four subscriptions, or ten, or a hundred subscriptions, at the rock-bottom rate of \$1.00 for six months or \$2.00 a year in U. S. and Canada for new subscribers.

Once there came a letter from a woman. She had read THE SWORD OF THE LORD, had written to say that she was so blessed and helped by it that she could never do without it. Now she writes that she has had a great experience, that she has "crucified self." So now after such an experience she sees so much wrong with THE SWORD OF THE LORD and with the editor that she will not send subscriptions or renew her own. She reminds us of the Galatian Christians who, after Paul left, learned to despise him while they went back to observing ceremonial law.

Pastors could say a word from the pulpit for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Countless thousands of them read it eagerly every week, get sermon outlines, illustrations, suggestions, and much inspiration from these pages but never lift a finger to help carry this heavy burden! Many of them could take five minutes and raise one hundred subscriptions from among their members, but they do not do it. The church would be better off; more souls would be saved. Christians would live more godly lives. More people would be ready to go anywhere and do anything to please God, if people felt the impact of THE SWORD OF THE LORD in every Christian home of a community and church. But pastors do not take time, and are not willing to encourage their people to take THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Pastors have said that they want THE SWORD OF THE LORD for themselves and to get inspiration and help for preaching, and sometimes their outlines and illustrations for a sermon, but they do not want their church people to know where their help comes from! What a shortsighted and unworthy motive in a pastor! Other pastors are more concerned with getting the favor of denominational leaders than they are about really blessing their people. Some pastors are more concerned about making sure that they get a good recommendation from headquarters when they want a new pastorate, or getting a good notice in the denominational press, or keeping their retirement privileges in the denomination, than they are about getting people saved, building up Christians, and stirring revival fires.

Doubtless many other noble pastors who love what THE SWORD OF THE LORD stands for have simply not stopped to realize that they have a solemn obligation to help spread revival fires.

How many evangelists ought to (Continued on page 8)

375 crowded into the auditorium and an overflow crowd seated in the hallway and basement auditorium on several nights. A total of 64 decisions for Christ were made of which 35 were listed as conversions and 29 as rededications. Four commitments were made for full-time Christian service. This revival campaign was a great success in spite of a blizzard in the middle of the campaign that brought attendances down to 50 and 34 on two nights. Pastor Rohrbaugh reports that Centenary E. U. B. Church annually prepares for their evangelistic campaign with a two month period of intensive preparation during which 12 prayer meetings were held each week and over 300 calls were made by the pastor and visitation teams.

EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS, Box 417, Bethany, Oklahoma, recently held a revival meeting in the Trinity Baptist Church of Norman, Oklahoma, where Rev. Jack H. Owens is pastor. Ten people accepted Christ as personal Saviour, 4 people joined the church by statement, and 8 people united with the church by letter during the meeting. The pastor reports that his folk fell in love with Evangelist Wells because of his sincere spirit and his tireless work.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN, 21 Pine Street, Inman, South Carolina, recently closed a one-week meeting at the White Plains Baptist Church of White Plains, North Carolina. The pastor, Rev. Carl Lockey, reports that

in spite of eight to ten inches of snow on the ground almost all week, the crowds were good and at least one person came forward to accept Christ almost every night. There were a number of rededications and many other decisions among Christians. The pastor highly recommends Evangelist Frank Duncan as one who understands the pastor's problems and the needs of churches.

EVANGELIST DON CHENO-WETH of P. O. Box 2, Tampa, Florida, reports a three-week meeting at the Bible Chapel of Phoenix, Arizona, recently. During the meeting there were 53 professions of faith in Christ and large crowds came to the services.

EVANGELIST FRED BILLINGS, 1903 Melbourne Avenue, Dallas 24, Texas, held two weeks of meetings in the Calvary Baptist Church of Brawley, California, February 14-28. Rev. B. F. Taylor, pastor, reports 11 souls saved, 11 were baptized on the last Sunday night of the meeting and 2 more are awaiting baptism as a result of the meeting.

EVANGELIST BOB PERSSON of Route 2, Greenville, South Carolina, reports that in five one-week or one-day meetings held in different churches of South Carolina since the first of the year, there have been 4 conversions, 26 surrendering to full-time service as missionaries or preachers, and 42 dedications of life to start witnessing immediately. There were also 55 rededications during these meetings.

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Gambling With Hell!

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and ridicule; so while you build I want you to preach. Cry out against their sins." Noah was a mighty "preacher of righteousness" (II Pet. 2:5).

He must have been a very unpopular preacher to preach righteousness to a people so wicked, so rotten, so immoral, so degraded, depraved and corrupt, so far beyond all hope that all God could do was to pour forth His righteous wrath and wipe them out in the judgment of the great flood!

"Noah," they said, "you are crazy. Who ever heard of a flood? You are out of your mind to preach on such old-fashioned, out-dated notions as sin and coming judgment in this enlightened age."

"I used to believe all that bunk about God," a teen-ager laughed, "but since I studied biology in high school I know better now. Why don't you wise up, Noah? Don't you know our ancestors wriggled in a slimy mud hole many millions of years ago, and that evolution proves there is no God, no Heaven, no Hell, no hereafter—and there won't be any flood?"

Noah let them sneer and ridicule. He just kept on building and preaching until the angry waters of God's judgment swept the godless gang into Hell.

Noah Moved With Fear

God said, "Noah, I'll give you a text to preach from—MY SPIRIT WILL NOT ALWAYS STRIVE WITH MAN. Warn them that they will soon have their last chance to repent of their sins."

So Noah cried out, "My God says He will not always strive with you."

"Why, Noah," someone said, "you are actually trying to scare us into religion. But you can't frighten us. We're tough and brave. We fear neither your God nor a coming flood. We are not coming over on your side."

The trouble with some of those people was they didn't have sense enough to fear. It shows good sense to fear some things. It is no sign of weakness to fear a holy God. It is no sign of manliness or strength not to fear Him. Our Lord said, "Fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28).

However, Noah had wisdom enough to fear. "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world..." (Heb. 11:1). Therefore he and his house were saved, while the cursing, laughing, defiant multitudes plunged to their doom beneath the relentlessly rising waters of death.

Friend, don't worry about what others will say or think about you if you receive the Lord Jesus and are saved. It is better to go to Heaven with a few fools saying you are crazy, than it is to go to Hell with the worldly crowd patting you on the back.

As God strove with the condemned people of Noah's day, so God strives with you today, that you might be saved from the certain impending judgment which will some day fall upon sin and sinners.

Why God Strives

1. *Because He loves you.* You say, "I don't believe anyone loves me." Yes, God loves you more than words can describe.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:16, 17).

Sinner friend, the Bible says, "The Lord... is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9).

Again we read of God's great love in Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

God is not your foe; He is your friend. He is not against you; He is for you. He loved you so much He gave His Son to die and be raised again, that you might be saved. His Son, our Lord, demonstrated His love for you by dying

the death of a criminal on the cruel bloody cross of Golgotha, in order that you might escape Hell and go to Heaven.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God..." (I Pet. 3:18).

A Living Saviour

After the Lord Jesus died, loving hands prepared Him for burial and laid Him in the tomb. BUT GOD RAISED HIM UP! And now He is alive, and in that same body of flesh and bones in which He was crucified and buried. He is now seated at the right hand of God as our exalted Lord.

Our Lord met with His disciples after His resurrection and said, "Peace be unto you." But the disciples were terrified and thought they had seen a spirit. You know, most people today think our Lord is a spirit. But He is not a spirit. He is the risen Man.

The Lord quieted their fears with these words, "Behold, my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39).

Notice, the Lord said, "... ye see me have" a flesh-and-bones body. Now, if our Lord does not have that same "flesh-and-bones" body today, WHAT BECAME OF IT?

The fact is that He is now seated in that same flesh-and-bones body, on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb. 1:3).

Why is this so important? It is vitally important because a DEAD Christ cannot save. And because Christ is the only mediator between God and men, and if He is not the risen MAN like the Bible says He is, then we have no mediator. This is important, because you want to know how to be saved, and the Bible says salvation is in HIM. Therefore you must know who He is, and where He is in order that you might come to Him and receive Him and be saved by Him.

I have good news for you! "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 2:5). You can be forgiven of your sins! You can be delivered from cruel chains of sinful habits! You can become a child of God!

In matchless love God now offers His risen Son to you. If you will receive Him as your Lord, you will be saved. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God..." (John 1:12). Receive Him as your Lord right now and confess Him as such before others. You'll never regret it!

2. *Because He wants you to be happy in this life.* Sin will only bring heartbreak and sorrow. God longs to deliver you from the power of sin and set you FREE! And He can do it, for He is the risen, victorious, all-powerful Lord.

Does booze hold you in its merciless grip? Do lust and un-

bridled passion drag you into immorality and despair? Is there a sin in your life that is blasting and blighting your life and wrecking your home and ruining your children? There is HOPE for you! No one has sinned so much, or stooped so low, but what our Lord is able to save. He stilled the mighty tempest on the sea with just a word, and He will quiet the storm of sin and sorrow that rages in your life. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). You who are slaves of sin—He longs to take your broken, weary life and transform you into a sober, decent, law-abiding, happy Christian.

"I'm not like that," you say. "I'm decent and moral and kind and religious." That may be, my friend, but in the sight of God you are a sinner too, "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). In verse 22 God says there is "no difference" between you and anyone else in the FACT of sin, and therefore you need the same Lord that the down-and-outer needs. Without Him you will wind up in Hell with the down-and-out crowd, for you are either saved or lost, in or out, bound for Heaven or bound for Hell. There is no middle ground.

Let the Lord bring joy and peace to you today. Sin is making a wreck of you. The Devil is making a fool of you. But our Lord seeks to make a NEW CREATURE of you! But you must receive Him. Bow at His pierced feet and own Him as your Lord now.

3. *Because He wants you in Heaven with Him forever.* Think

of it! God loves you. He wants you to be happy in this life. But that isn't all. He wants you in Heaven forever! Oh, don't gamble with your soul. If you lose, you lose Heaven—forever.

How God Strives

1. *Preaching.* He strove with Noah's generation through Noah's preaching. He is striving with you right now through this message. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Cor. 1:21). Not by foolish preaching, but by the foolishness of that which is preached (the Gospel) men are saved.

The gospel message of salvation in the living Lord is foolishness (Continued on page 6)

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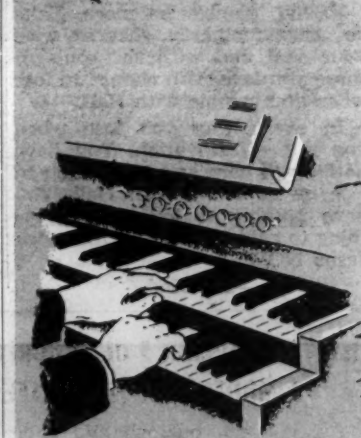
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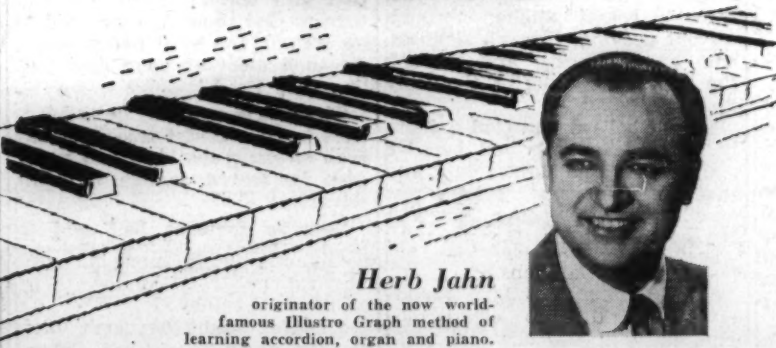
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Gambling With Hell!

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ness to many. They want to be saved by character and religion and sincerity. Many preach salvation by conduct and religious ceremonies. They tell you to do the best you can and be sincere in what you believe and you'll be all right. Now neighbor, THAT is foolish preaching! That kind of preaching will save no one from Hell, nor deliver a poor sinful wretch from his misery. There is no hope in that sort of a message.

Here is the truth about being saved. "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9).

Notice these words carefully from Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us." Mercy means we don't get what we deserve. Grace means we get what we don't deserve. By His mercy we escape Hell; by His grace we will enter Heaven—that is, all who receive HIM.

I beg of you to turn to God in repentance and trust His Son for salvation now, while God is striving with you. This could be the last message you will receive. There will be no gospel preaching in Hell.

2. *Witnessing.* When someone talks to you about the Lord Jesus, don't get sore about it and order them away—that is GOD striving with you to be saved. Just thank God someone cares enough about you to speak to you about your soul. You will not be bothered very much along this line, for the average Christian is too busy, too lazy, too cowardly or too unconcerned to do much witnessing. So if someone gives you a gospel tract, or invites you to a meeting, or seeks to win you to the Saviour, be glad they care. Remember, there will be no such personal work in Hell.

3. *Singing.* I read where Moody is supposed to have said that Ira Sankey sang more people into Heaven than he, Moody, had preached in. Multitudes can testify that God spoke to them through a song and that they were saved while listening to the sweet strains of gospel music. Remember, there will be no gospel melodies in Hell.

4. *Praying.* Were you angered when you heard someone pray for you? Thank God they prayed! No one will pray for you in Hell.

I'll never forget the joy that came to my mother when her prayers were answered for my sister Gertrude, the night she came forward and was saved in my meetings in Davenport, Iowa, in November, 1933. You talk about JOY! My dear old mother, whom I had heard pray so fervently for Gertrude, could hardly believe it was true. God had answered!

Someone is praying for you. You know it. God is striving with you. Oh, may those prayers be answered soon! Think of the joy you will bring to those who pray, when you tell them the glad news that you are saved. No one will pray for you in Hell.

5. *Suffering.* God may strive with you through physical pain. Many have promised God, when they were flat on their backs in a hospital, that if they would get well, they would live for God.

God may strive with you through anguish over the sickness or death of those you love. A man told me it took the death of his precious two-year-old baby to bring him to God.

In a certain hospital a doctor said to a man, "Your wife is going to die." That man got on his knees right in the hospital hallway. He didn't care who saw him or who heard him. He cried out to God to spare his wife and promised that he would then live for God. God answered. But the man soon forgot his vow and wouldn't even attend church.

Perhaps you have stood beside the open casket and the cold yawning grave of a loved one. You knew he went to Heaven and that unless you received his Lord as your Lord you would go to Hell and never see that loved one again. That was God striving with you again. How good God is! He keeps right after you. And yet you have resisted Him and you are still lost. What a tragedy!

This business of rebellion

against God, and rejecting Christ is awful. People will say their last farewell at the coffin of their loved ones whom they know are in Heaven. They will weep and wail and brush back their tears. They know they can meet their loved ones again in Heaven, but rather than accept Christ to do so, they refuse.

It seems that people would rather never be reunited with their dear ones in Heaven than to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. It seems like they would rather go to Hell themselves than receive the Lord Jesus! Oh, the awfulness of the sin of rejecting the Lord!

6. *Convicting.* The Lord said, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin . . . because they believe not on me" (John 16:8, 9). He spoke of the Holy Spirit. He reproves, He convicts. He convicts you of your terrible sin of rejecting the Saviour. Jesus Christ is the rightful Lord of your life. You have refused Him that right. You have lived all your life as though there were no Son of God. Now the Holy Spirit convicts you of this soul-damning sin. You may not be guilty of some other gross sins like murder or adultery, but if you have refused the Lord Jesus His rightful place as the Lord of your life and refused His salvation, you are guilty of the greatest sin of all. By the Spirit of God you now stand convicted and condemned.

That urge within you, that voice pleading with you, that something within you that right now beseeches you and implores you to take the Lord Jesus and be saved—what voice is that? It is not from your natural heart, for "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9). It is not the voice of Satan, for he wants you to go to Hell with him. It is the sweet voice of the Holy Spirit of God calling you to Christ.

You may resist the Spirit's wooing. You will not hear His voice in Hell.

Why Does God Stop Striving?

He doesn't—in this life. He strives with you through faithful Bible preaching, through loving people who witness to you, through gospel singing, through fervent praying, through sickness, pain and suffering, and through the convicting work of the Holy Spirit.

I don't believe that God suddenly gets angry with you because you have refused Him so long, and that He then says, "I have put up with you long enough. Now you can go to Hell. I'm through with you."

There isn't anyone living but who can be saved if they WANT to be. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). But the terrible tragedy is that by constant, continual rejection of the Lord Jesus, you become hardened and lose the "want to." GOD doesn't change. YOU change.

You are making it harder and harder for yourself to say yes to God. You are making it easier and easier to say no. The longer you put off salvation, the harder it is to settle it. You become like Paul says in Ephesians 4:19, "past feeling."

The longer you say "no" to God, the harder it becomes to say "yes." Here's a man, for example, who is trying to sell a lady a carpet sweeper. He keeps talking about all the good features of the machine and she keeps saying "yes." If he can keep this up, it is just a question of one more yes, and the sale is made.

But suppose the salesman says, "Now lady, here is another good thing about this sweeper." But she blurts out, "No, I don't like that at all." Oh, me! The salesman is in a jam now. He has to start all over, and get some more "yeses" and overcome that one "no" in order to make the sale.

Now all you have ever said to God is "no." All your life you have said, "No, God. No, Christ. No, Holy Spirit. No, Christian wife or husband. No, praying friends. No, no, no." All you have on your record is a long string of "no, no, no." Not even ONE yes! If you had said yes to God only once, you would be saved!

No wonder it is so hard now for you to say yes to God. And it is going to get harder and harder. In order to say yes, you now must overcome all the nos. That is why so few people get saved when they are old. The great majority of Christians were saved before they were twenty. So the sooner you yield to the Lord, the easier it will be. Be wise. Right now, while God is striving with you, receive the Lord and be saved. You cannot reject Christ and remain tender.

Deathbed Repentance

"I'll wait," someone says, "and settle this on my deathbed." But you may not have a deathbed. A heart attack, a stroke or an accident may cut you down in an instant. Don't gamble on having a deathbed. You may lose.

Even if you do have a deathbed that is no guarantee that you will be saved. You may be delirious. You may be shot full of pain-killing drugs. You may not be able to think, or know what you are doing.

Once when I saw a man dying I thought to myself, "It's a good thing he didn't wait until now to be saved." Unless God performed a miracle that dying man could not have been saved then, for he just lay there in a death stupor, with the cold, clammy hands of death choking the life out of him. The man was too far gone to be saved then. NOW is the time to be saved, while your mind is alert and you have your senses. O friend, don't gamble on having a better time to be saved. The chances are that you will NOT be saved on your deathbed.

"But," you say, "I'll be so scared on my deathbed, I know I'll be saved then." Wait a minute. If you profess salvation then only because you are terrified at the thought of dying and going to Hell, it would be the same as if you said to the Lord, "I'm afraid I'm going to wake up in Hell. Save me. But Lord, if I get well, the deal is off."

Friend, THAT deal is never on! God knows whether or not you are sincere. No hypocritical profession like that will get you anywhere with God. You've got to mean it.

Another thing—even if you DO have a deathbed, and even if you DO have your right mind then, that still doesn't mean you will turn to God then. A nurse said to me, "Paul, I've seen many people die—and most of them died just like they lived."

The fact is, you may be so hardened in your Christ rejection that even on your deathbed you won't even be scared enough to want salvation!

Suppose someone had said to Noah, "How long will it take you to build that ark?"

"About a hundred years."

"Ha-Ha! Noah! You don't think we are going to get all excited about a flood that is more than a hundred years away, do you? We're going back to our sins."

About a hundred years later God says, "Noah, tell them they have just seven more days to make up their minds what they are going to do." And what do we find? We find that those who found it easy to reject God's call for over a hundred years, found it easy to do so for seven more days!

In like manner, if all your life you can reject every means that God uses to strive with you; if you can reject every message, every tear, every pleading witness, every prayer, every sorrow and every wooing of the Holy Spirit, you may find it EASY to do so a few more hours on a deathbed.

While you hear this message, while your heart is tender, before you become gospel-hardened, before sudden death hurls you into eternity, now, while God strives with you, I beg of you to receive the Lord Jesus and be saved.

In the fall of 1957, during our meetings in Byron, Michigan, a man and wife and some of their children came forward on Thursday night and accepted Christ. The man worked in a factory in Flint. The next Monday after he was saved a fellow-worker asked, "Mr. Olin, where are your cigars?" Before he was saved, Mr. Olin smoked ten cigars a day! Now they were missing from his shirt pocket. The night he was saved he had one left in his pocket. When he got outside the church

There is a law of gravitation in the spiritual world just as there is a law of gravitation in the physical world. The rich man did not go to Hell just because he had money, and the poor man did not go to Heaven just because he was broke. The rich man went to his place and the beggar went to his place. Heaven is a place, and Hell is a place; but these places are what they are because of the people who are there. A sinner would not be happy in Heaven. He would be out of step. He would sing off key. He could not stand the decency. There would be no night in which he could hide to commit sin. I speak reverently. If a drunkard went to Heaven just as he is in this world, he would look for a bootlegger. If a gambler should step off this planet into Heaven just as he is, he would try to get into a poker game. If a godless politician should step out of the underworld of an American city and go to Heaven just like he is, he would not be happy because he could not organize the angels and the redeemed to put over dirty political schemes in God's eternal city.

—Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

Ruffled Feathers

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bird, that her feathers smoothed out too, and this is what she said, "Mrs. Catbird, if you will move your nest over here in this tree close to ours, you can build with the other end of the string. I am sure there will be enough for both of us."

And that is what happened. So the Catbirds and the Vireos have been the best of friends ever since. Their little birds play together almost every day and I am sure they will never make the mistake their mothers did. Yes, Mrs. Catbird and Mrs. Vireo still come to church, and best of all they come now in the right spirit.

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The Great Denial

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house as the high priest's palace; for it was very unlike most of our houses. A Western house looks into the street, but an Oriental into its own interior, having no opening to the front except a great arched gateway, shut with a heavy door or gate. When this door is opened, it discloses a broad passage, penetrating the front building and leading into a square, paved courtyard, open to the sky, round which the house is built, and into which its rooms, both upstairs and downstairs, look. A similar arrangement is to be seen in some large warehouses in our own cities, or you may have seen it in large hotels on the Continent. It only requires to be added that on the side of the passage, inside the outer gate, there is a room or lodge for the porter or portress, who opens and shuts the gate; and in the gate there is a little wicket by which individuals can be let in or out.

When the band conducting Jesus appeared in front of the palace, no doubt the portress opened the large gate to admit them and then shut it again. They passed under the archway into the court, which they crossed, and then entered one of the apartments overlooking the courtyard. But the police and other underlings employed in the arrest, their work being now done, stayed outside, and, as it was midnight and the weather was cold, they lighted a fire there under the open sky and, gathering round it, began to warm themselves.

As has been said, John went in through the gate with the crowd, but Peter was somehow shut out. John, who seems to have occupied a higher social position than the rest of the twelve, was known to the high priest, and, therefore, probably was acquainted with the palace and knew the servants; and, when he noticed that Peter had been left out, he went to the portress and got her to let him in by the wicket gate.

It was a friendly act; and yet, as the event proved, it was unintentionally an ill turn. John led Peter into temptation. The best of friends may do this sometimes to one another; for the situation into which one man may enter without peril may be dangerous to another. One man may mingle freely in company which another cannot enter without terrible risks.

There are amusements in which one Christian can take part, though they would ruin another if he touched them. A mind matured and disciplined may read books which would kindle the fire of Hell in a mind less experienced. There are always two things that go to the making of a temptation: there is the particular set of circumstances to be encountered on the one hand, and there is the peculiar character or history of the person entering into the situation on the other. We need to remember this if we are to defend either ourselves or others against temptation.

II. Tempted, Peter Denies Jesus and Curses

John no doubt, as soon as he got Peter inside the door, hurried away across the court into the hall where Jesus was, to witness the proceedings.

Not so Peter. He was not familiar with the place as John was; and he had the shyness of a plain man at the sight of the inside of a great house. Besides, he was under fear of being recognized as a follower of Christ and apprehended. Now also the unlucky blow he had made at Malchus at the gate of Gethsemane had to be paid for, because it greatly increased his chance of detection.

He remained, therefore, just inside the great door, watching from the shadows of the archway what was going on inside, and, without knowing it, himself being watched by the portress from her coigne of vantage. He was ill at ease; for he did not know what to do. He did not dare to go, like John, into the judgment hall. Perhaps he half wished he could get out into the street again. He was in a trap.

At last he strolled forward to the group round the fire and, sitting down among them, commenced to warm himself. It was a miscellaneous group there in the

glare of the fire, and no notice was taken of him. He took his place as if he were one of them.

It was, however, a dangerous situation in another sense than he supposed. It was a bodily peril he was in terror of; he did not anticipate danger to his soul; yet this was very near. It is always dangerous when a follower of Christ is sitting among Christ's enemies without letting it be known what he is. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." It is more than probable that when Peter sat down the air was ringing with jest and laughter about Jesus; but he did not interrupt; he kept silence and tried to look as much like one of the scorners as he could. But not to confess Christ is the next step to denying Him.

Temptation, as is its wont, came suddenly and from the most unexpected quarter. As has been said, when he was skulking beneath the archway, his movements were noted by the portress. They were suspicious, and she, with a woman's cleverness, divined his secret. Accordingly, when she was relieved at her post by another maid, she not only pointed him out to this companion and communicated to her what she thought about him, but, in passing to her room, she went up to the fire among the soldiers, and, looking him straight in the face, said, with a malicious twinkle in her eye, "This is one of the Nazarene's followers."

Peter was taken completely by surprise. It was as if a mask had been torn from his face. In a moment the instinct of terror seized him; perhaps, too, the instinct of shame at being thought a disciple of Him they were mocking. Indeed, there was a further shame: how could he confess himself the disciple of the Master whom he had heard blasphemed without protest? He had denied his Master in act before he denied Him in word; and the preceding act made the word also necessary. "I do not know what you mean," he said, with a surly frown; and away she tripped laughing, having done her work quite successfully.

None pursued the subject. But Peter was uneasy, and took the earliest opportunity of escaping from the fireside. He went away into the archway, intending apparently, if he could, to get out of the place altogether. But here the trap was closed; for the other maid, whose attention had been directed to him, and who may have been laughing from a distance at her neighbor's sally, was standing at the door of her lodge, with two or three men; and, pointing him out to them as he came forward, she said, "That is one of the Nazarene's followers."

Poor Peter! felled to the ground a second time by the touch of a woman's hand. But how often has the saucy tongue and jeering laugh of a woman made a man ashamed of the highest and holiest! Peter flung at her an angry oath and, turning on his heel, went back again to the fire.

He was now completely panic-stricken, and lost all self-control. He was boiling with conflicting emotions and could not keep quiet. Assuming an air of defiance and indifference, he plunged into the conversation, speaking loudly to throw off suspicion, but really defeating his own object; for he drew attention on himself, and they scanned him the more narrowly the more excited he became. A relative of Malchus, whose ear he had cut off, recognized him. His loud country voice and rough Galilean accent aroused the suspicions of others. To bait such a pretender was a welcome diversion in the idle night, and soon they were all in full cry after the quarry.

Peter was thoroughly lost; like a bull in the arena attacked and stabbed on every side, he became blind with rage, terror and shame; and, pouring out denials, he added to them oaths and curses hurled at his adversaries.

The latter element was, no doubt, the resurrection of an old fisherman's habit, long since dead and buried. Peter was just the man likely to be a profane swearer in his youth—the headlong man of temper, who likes to say a thing with as much emphasis and exaggeration as possible. This is a sin whose power is generally broken

Correction Please!

In the February 12 issue of THE SWORD we published a fine statement by Dr. Charles L. Feinberg, director of the Talbot Theological Seminary, reprinted from the Seminary Bulletin. However, we gave the date as the July-December 1959 issue. Actually it was from the July to September 1955. It was a fine editorial statement by Dr. Feinberg holding fast to the fundamentals of the faith and the date in 1955 indicates that "the article had an awareness of certain trends at that time."

instantly at conversion. While there are sins which linger on for years and require to be crucified by inches, profane swearing often dies an instantaneous death. But even in this case it is difficult to get quit of the evil past. In Peter this sin may have seemed to die at his conversion; for years it had been dead and buried; yet, when the favorable moment came, lo and behold, there it was again in vigorous life.

Old habits of sin are hard to kill. We seem to have killed and buried them; but do you not sometimes hear a knocking beneath the ground? Do you not feel the dead thing turning in its coffin, and see the earth moving above its grave? This is the penalty of the days given to the flesh. Till his dying day the man who has been a drunkard or a fornicator, a liar or a swearer, will have to keep watch and ward over the graveyard in which he has buried the past.

Yet there was a kind of method in the madness of Peter's profanity. When he wanted to prove that he was none of Christ's, he could not do better than take to cursing. They did not credit his assertions that he had no connection with his Master, but they could not help believing his sins. Nobody belonging to Jesus, they knew, would speak as Peter was doing. It is one of the strongest testimonies to Jesus still, that even those who do not believe in Him expect cleanness of speech and of conduct from His followers, and are astonished if those who bear His name do things which when done by others are matters of course.

III. Jesus in Compassion Looks on Peter

While Peter was in the midst of this outbreak of denial and profanity, suddenly he saw the eyes of his tormentors turned away from him to another object. It was Jesus, whom His enemies had condemned in the neighboring judgment hall, and whom they were now leading, amidst blows and reproaches, across the courtyard to the guard-room where He was to be kept for two or three hours till a subsequent stage of His trial came on. As Jesus stepped down out of the hall into the courtyard, His ear had caught the accents of His disciple, and stung with unutterable anguish, He turned quickly round in the direction whence the sounds proceeded. At the same moment Peter turned, and they looked one another full in the face. Jesus did not speak; for a single syllable, even of surprise, would have betrayed His disciple. Nor could He linger; for the soldiers were hurrying Him on. But for a single instant their eyes met, and soul looked into soul.

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Editor's Notes

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"Sorry, Paul!"

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By Viola Walden, Editor's Assistant

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The Great Denial

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Who shall say what was in that look of Christ?

Mrs. Browning's sonnets on this subject must be quoted in full:

Two sayings of the Holy Scriptures beat Like pulses in the Church's brow and breast; And by them we find rest in our unrest, And, heart-deep in salt tears, do yet entreat God's fellowship, as if on heavenly seat. The first is JESUS WEPT; whereon is prest Full many a sobbing face, that drops its best And sweetest waters on the record sweet. And one is where the Christ, denied and scorned, LOOKED UPON PETER. Oh, to render plain, By help of having loved a little and mourned, That look of sovran love and sovran pain, Which He, who could not sin yet suffered, turned On him who could reject but not sustain.

The Saviour looked on Peter. Ay, no word, No gesture of reproach; the heavens serene, Though heavy with armed justice, did not lean Their thunders that way; the forsaken Lord Looked only on the traitor. None record What that look was; none guess; for those who have seen Wronged lovers loving through a death-pang keen, Or pale-cheeked martyrs smiling to a sword, Have missed Jehovah at the judgment call. And Peter from the height of blasphemy—"I never knew this man"—did quail and fall, As knowing straight THAT GOD; and turned free, And went out speechless from the face of all, And filled the silence, weeping bitterly.

I think that look of Christ might seem to say: "Thou, Peter! art thou a common stone Which I at last must break My heart upon, For all God's charge to His high angels may Guard My feet better? Did I yesterday Wash thy feet, My beloved, that they should run Quick to destroy Me 'neath the morning sun? And do thy kisses, like the rest, betray? The cock crows coldly. Go, and manifest A late contrition, but no bootless fear! For, when thy final need is dreariest, Thou shalt not be denied, as I am here; My voice to God and angels shall attest, Because I KNOW this man, let him be clear.

There may be a world in a look. It may be more eloquent than a whole volume of words. It may reveal far more than the lips can ever utter. One soul may give itself away to another in a look. A look may beatify or plunge in the depths of despair.

The look of Jesus was a talisman dissolving the spell in which Peter was held. Sin is always a kind of temporary madness; and it was manifestly so in this case. Peter was so bewildered with terror, anger and excitement that he did not know what he was doing. But the look of Jesus brought him to himself, and immediately he acted like a man. He made at once for the exit with impetuous speed. And now nothing stood in his way; he got past the maid and her companions without trouble. For, indeed, the trap of temptation is only an illusion. To a resolute man it presents no obstacles.

But further, the look of Christ was a mirror in which Peter saw himself. He saw what Christ thought of him. The past came rushing back. He was the man who, in a great and never-to-be-forgotten moment, had confessed Christ and earned His hearty recognition. He was the man who, a few hours ago, had vowed, above all the rest, that he never would deny his Master. And now he had deserted Him and wounded Him to the heart in His utmost need. He had placed himself among His enemies as one of themselves and, with oaths and curses, trodden His sacred name beneath his feet. He had put off the disciple and reverted to the rudeness of his godless youth. He was a perjured traitor. All this was in that look of Christ.

But there was far more in it. It was a rescuing look. If any friend had met Peter rushing out from the scene of his sin, he might well have been terrified for what might happen. Where was he rushing to? Was it to the precipice over which Judas plunged not many hours afterwards? Peter was not very far from that. Had

it been an angry look he saw on Christ's face when their eyes met, this might have been his fate. But there was not a spark of anger in it. There was pain, no doubt, and there was immeasurable disappointment. But deeper than these—rising up from below them and submerging them—there was the Saviour's instinct, that instinct which made Him reach out His hand and grasp Peter when he was sinking in the sea. With this same instinct He grasped him now.

In the look of an instant Peter saw forgiveness and unutterable love. If he saw himself in it, he saw still more his Saviour—such a revelation of the heart of Christ as he had never yet known. He saw now what kind of Master he had denied; and it broke his heart. It is this that always breaks the heart. It is not our sin that makes us weep; it is when we see what kind of Saviour we have sinned against. He wept bitterly; not to wash out his sin, but because even already he knew it had been washed out. The former weeping is a pelting shower; this is the close, prolonged downpour which penetrates deep and fertilizes the plants of the soul at their very roots.

Indeed, this was the real beginning of all the good St. Peter was to do in the world. But we will not speak of this now. Let our last thought be of Him who, in the crisis and extremity of His own suffering, when He heard His name not only denied but mingled with oaths and curses, yielded not one moment to the resentment which such an act of treachery might have occasioned, but, forgetting His own sorrows and mastered with the instincts of the Saviour, threw into a look such a world of kindness and of love that, in an instant, it lifted the falling disciple from the gulf and set him on the rock where he ever afterwards stood, himself a rock in the constancy of his faith and the vigor of his testimony.

(From THE TRIAL AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST, a classic reprinted by Zondervan.)

Fatherhood

One dad to another: "I'm no model father. All I'm trying to do is behave so that when people tell my son that he reminds them of me, he'll stick out his chest instead of his tongue."—Manchester Oak Leaves.

Last Call for SWORD Sunday

By Walt Handford Assistant Editor

We urge all of our many pastor and evangelist friends to have SWORD Sunday, April 24. On this day many churches will specially push for subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD in their regular services. Of course, for some churches some other Sunday might be better than April 24, but this date is our suggestion. Will you have a SWORD Sunday?

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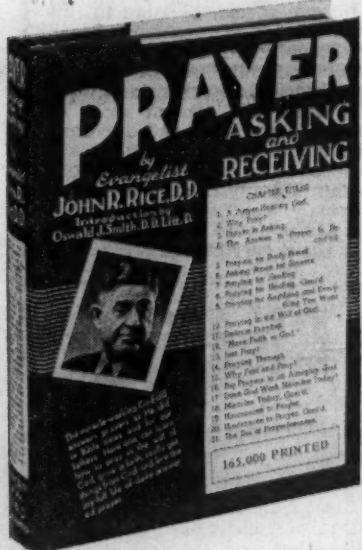
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The Meaning of the Resurrection

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it! Somebody else is putting off a hoax on you! And so," Thomas said, "the next Sunday I was there and Jesus came again and said, 'Thomas, come here. Don't be faithless and unbelieving. Put your fingers here and see.' I put my fingers in the nailprints in His hands. I put my hands in His side, and I found there the wound where the spear went in. I felt Him, I heard Him talk, and I know it is the same living Saviour!"

The stranger may say, "Now, wait a minute! Do you expect me to believe that?"

"All the twelve say the same thing."

"Well," the man says, "twelve people, but maybe you made it up among you."

"Listen," Paul says, "you can't get by with this. There were more than five hundred others who saw Him at one time, and they are nearly all alive even now. You can go talk to them."

"Well," the fellow says, "I'll have to give up. If there are over five hundred people who saw Him those forty days and talked to Him, more than five hundred at one time and they are, most of them, still alive, I'll have to believe that."

A man who does not believe that Jesus rose from the dead is a fool who does not want to believe it. You see, the "many infallible proofs" of Christ's resurrection is a real thing that anybody with any sense can believe.

The Supreme Court of our country, or the Great Court in Canada, or the Supreme Court in England would accept as absolute proof the proof that has already been given of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Any scientist in the world seeking the great scientific fact would accept it as a scientifically proven, infallible fact if they had as much evidence as they have, that Christ rose from the dead. I thank God for these "many infallible proofs" of the resurrection.

Now what is the meaning of the resurrection of Christ? What does it mean to us that Christ rose from the dead?

I. Christ's Resurrection Means We Have a Great High Priest to Intercede for Us

First of all, it means that we have an all-powerful High Priest. We do not have a dead Christ, but a living Christ. Did you think that all you got when Jesus died was that your sins were paid for? Well, we have much more than that. "He ever liveth to make intercession" for us according to the will of God. He is our Mediator. It is by Him, the Scripture says, that we are justified. Christ now is a living Saviour, and so all the blessings a Christian can have every day are because Jesus now lives as risen from the dead.

Notice, first of all, that it was necessary for Jesus to rise from the dead in order to present the sacrifice in Heaven. According to all the Old Testament types, the high priest once a year took the blood of atonement and slipped under that innermost veil into the most holy place. He had a basin of blood and he sprinkled that blood inside the veil on the mercy seat, that golden plate, the lid of the ark of the covenant.

Now, Christ Himself is the Lamb, the Passover Lamb. Christ Himself is the Offering. It is His blood that pays for sins. But who will be the priest to offer it? Jesus said, "I was the Lamb when I died, but when I rise again, I will be the Priest."

When Jesus had risen from the dead and Mary Magdalene came and said, "Oh, dear Saviour, I am so glad to see you," she would have caught Him by the feet, but Jesus said, "Wait, Mary. Don't touch Me now. I must fulfill the plan, I must ascend to Heaven and present the sacrifice as a High Priest." Some think that means when He ascended forty days later. No, that very day when Jesus rose, He said, "I am going to Heaven to offer the sacrifice in Heaven."

The picture of the temple on

earth was only a picture or a model of the temple in Heaven. The priestly work of Aaron and the Levites was only a model, an outward show and a kind of picture, an object lesson, of the high priestly work in Heaven. The blood of lambs and bulls and goats was only a pattern and picture of the blood of Christ! So when Christ died, He ascended to Heaven, to the right hand of the Father, and all the angels looked on while Christ there—He was the High Priest—presented His own blood. The records were all cleared for every sinner who would trust in Christ, because Christ was the High Priest. When He came back later that night and appeared to the disciples, He said, "Come; put your hands on Me and see. My high priestly work is done"—that is, as far as offering the sacrifice, the work was done. You know, a priest had to wash himself, put on fresh linen garments, and so on, and Jesus said, "I have done that work as a High Priest; now come on and touch me. It is all right."

So Jesus, because He is a resurrected Saviour, could complete the sacrifice and the types and the records.

But that isn't all. We are justified by His resurrection. The Scripture says that He "died for our sins" and "was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). In other words, the Lord Jesus died, died like a sinner, but now He rose up and said, "Now I want everybody to know that was for John Rice. Put that to his credit. Put it down to John Rice's credit that when he trusts in Me, his sins are all paid for."

The Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins and He rose for our justification.

Brother Garner, if Jesus had paid for your sins, but if He didn't apply it to you and put it on the records, and stand there to see it was enforced, it wouldn't do you any good; but Jesus rose for our justification. And anybody who is justified is justified because Christ rose from the dead.

Then, this Scripture makes it clear that not only is Jesus our justification, but He is our Mediator now, our High Priest now, and "ever liveth to make intercession" for us according to the will of God. There are so many wonderful things about Christ as our High Priest. That is particularly true in the book of Hebrews. Hebrews 4:14-16 says:

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly into the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

I need a high priest who understands. Sometimes I feel, "Oh, I hope God knows how weak I am!" Well, He does know. Psalm 103:14, 13 say, "For he knoweth our frame; he remembered that we are dust. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." The only kind of a high priest who could do us any good is one who really knows what it is to be tempted. And Jesus "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities." The dear Saviour says, "Oh, the burning of temptation! How subtle and wicked and strong is Satan to tempt these little ones of mine." We have an High Priest who knows all about it, who bore all the temptations and conquered them. So He is fit to be our High Priest.

So, since Christ is our High Priest, the whole matter of answered prayer for a Christian depends on that, because if Christ hadn't risen, if He were not there at the right hand of God to intercede for us, we could not come boldly in time of need. The Scripture says on the basis that Christ is our High Priest who understands all the burdens and sorrows, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that

we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

I am glad we have such an High Priest. I thank God we can come to Him and He intercedes for us. There are some people who pray to the Virgin Mary, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." I don't need to go to Mary. I have somebody a million times better than Mary. I don't need to go to the saints and pray to the saints and pray at the shrines and carry around a little image of some saint. I have somebody better than all the saints. No plaster images in churches for me, no little crucifix for me, no praying to the Virgin Mary for me. I have someone better than saints and statues and Mary. I don't need beads and to pray my Ave Marias. I have One so much better and I can come boldly to Him and obtain mercy in time of need. The dear Lord Jesus is my High Priest and "ever liveth to make intercession" for me. Isn't that wonderful?

So then, thank God, on account of Christ's resurrection, I have an all-powerful High Priest.

II. My Eternal Security Depends on Christ's Resurrection

I want you to notice another thing that is quite clear here, that since this is so, I can be kept forever. My salvation depended upon Christ's resurrection and my eternal keeping depends on His resurrection, too. In the eighth chapter of Romans, the Scripture says, "Who is he that condemneth?"

Somebody says that a Christian isn't all that he ought to be. Well, I admit it.

Somebody says, "You don't deserve Heaven." All right, I never said I did.

Somebody says, "You ought to have been in Hell a long time ago." And I will have to say, "Yes, that's right." But wait! "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again," who "ever liveth," you see. Since the Lord Jesus rose from the dead to take my part, bear my burden before God, and take my place, thank God, I can be kept! That's the reason the Bible says "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." Thank God, I can say, "I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." It is a wonderful truth that Jesus is raised from the dead and is my Mediator, my Attorney. If anybody brings up a case in court in Heaven against me, I've got the best Attorney in the world. He never lost a case. He said, "I'll take that case, and if the Father says, 'Well, this fellow is pretty bad, he's done wrong,' I'll say, 'but I paid the whole business, and here is the record right here.' I have a Mediator. I have a High Priest. I have a Go-Between who 'ever liveth to make intercession' for us according to the will of God. And that means I am safe."

Suppose the Lord had put it on this basis: "I will save you now by grace, and you will keep your salvation by works." Wouldn't we be ruined? Suppose the Lord should put it on this basis: "I will pay for your sins of the past by the death on the cross, but the sins of the future you will have to arrange for by yourself." Wouldn't we be ruined? Listen, if the Devil can get one of God's children, He can get every one of them, for there is no real difference. We are all frail. Every Christian in the world has the seed of death in him. Every Christian who lives long enough will get either gray hairs or be bald-headed! Every Christian who lives long enough will have decayed teeth or halitosis or dandruff or athlete's foot. Every Christian in the world, if he does not live until Jesus comes, will die.

I want you to see that the sin is in us, the seed of sin is in us.

Every Christian here has failed somewhere. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). If the Lord had just said, "I'll save you by grace—the death of Christ will attend to that; but

the rest of your life, you will have to fix up yourself if you do wrong," we would be ruined! No, no! Bless God, Jesus died for all our sins, past, present and future, then He arose from the dead for all of us, and now "he ever liveth to make intercession." If anybody comes and begins to condemn, I'll say, "But Christ died and rose again." "Who is he that condemneth?" Christ died and rose again and ever liveth to make intercession for us. There is a wonderful boldness and joy when you realize the real efficacy of the resurrected Saviour's intercession. It is a wonderful thing to know that our High Priest ever liveth.

I am not all I ought to be, but God knew that before Jesus died for me. God knew I wasn't much before the Lord Jesus took me, before I was converted. What God wants you to see is that the Saviour who died, died for all your sins—past, present and future, rose again to justify, and He ever lives to keep. Thank God for such a salvation and for such a Saviour! That is made possible by a resurrected, ever-living High Priest, Jesus Christ.

III. Christ's Resurrection Means Christians Have Resurrection Life

The meaning of resurrection is, next, a resurrected life for us. Is Christ raised from the dead? Then that means resurrected life for us. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life." He didn't say, "I do the resurrecting," though He does. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection." You can't have Christ without having resurrection. If you have Christ, you have the life. You have the resurrection if you have Christ. It isn't that Jesus will in some cases raise people from the dead. If you have Jesus, you have the resurrection. I have Christ, so I already have the resurrection. Thank God for that wonderful and blessed truth! I have the resurrected Saviour, and have resurrected life.

This is Easter Sunday. Today we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Some of us have trouble reconciling the fact that Easter changes every year. So we have one day in the year in which we bring the Easter lilies, and all the

women buy Easter hats, and everybody fixes up. So we represent the resurrection. Thank God that on every Sunday we represent a resurrected Saviour. The first day of the week is the day Jesus rose; and so instead of an Old Testament Jewish Sabbath, we have a New Testament Lord's Day, which is not the same. We have a New Testament Lord's Day, and it is a reminder that Christ rose from the dead.

Do you know what they really mean? This is very sweet to me. Listen carefully now, because here is a bit of deep Bible teaching. The Old Testament Jewish Sabbath was on the seventh day. "Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work," so the picture was in the Old Testament ceremonial law—"you do exactly right, and you keep the law perfectly in every detail all your life."

Six is the highest human number; seven is the divine number. So here the picture is 'Live perfect all your life and you will gain Heaven.' See? Everybody (Continued on page 10)

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The Meaning of the Resurrection

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who didn't ever do wrong, never failed God in anything—perfect and sinless and holy—can get to Heaven. That is the picture under the law.

There is just one trouble about that. Nobody ever kept the law. There is only one trouble about

that. Nobody ever did work for six days a week all his human life and do everything right. So God says, 'All right, that is law. This is grace.' So when Jesus died, He has this picture: "On the first day of the week" we have our rest day, our peace day, our

memory of the resurrection day. Because when I come to Christ, then at once I have peace, forgiveness and rest in my soul.

Now, there is the picture in the Old Testament of this. On the Passover, there began a special seven day period, and the first day of this feast of unleavened bread they were to have a Sabbath. Then, finally on the seventh day they were to have a Sabbath.

That means that when you have the blood on the door and partake of the Passover lamb, if it is grace instead of law, then you enter into your Sabbath at the very first and work for God the rest of your life, because you already have your heaven. Then when you leave this world, you enter into the other Heaven. In the New Testament the Scripture says, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9). That word *rest* is the word Sabbath in the original. So there remaineth a Sabbath to the people of God, and the Scripture shows that he that hath "ceased from his own works . . . hath entered into rest."

A man may well say, "I can't make it, that law of working six days of perfect righteousness before God and your neighbor and do all your work and earn the day of rest and peace—I can't make it!" Then the Scripture says that he who quits trying to work his way to Heaven has entered into rest already. You see, one who has put his trust in Jesus Christ already has his heaven in his heart.

Thank God, I'll not only have Heaven after a while alone! When I get to Heaven, I'm going to feel very much at home because I already have heaven. I have Christ, I have my sins forgiven, I have a new nature. I'll fit into Heaven fine. Thank God, I already have my heaven.

So the Lord's day is an Easter time, isn't it? That means that a Christian already has the resurrected Saviour.

So a Christian ought to set out to live this kind of life. That is what Paul meant, and Paul lived this kind of life. That is what Paul meant when he said, "I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, . . . I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14), as if I were resurrected from the dead. Paul says, "I am already trying to live the resurrected life." Paul didn't claim to be perfect, but he was sure having a good time living a resurrected life. He was a changed man.

In Shamrock, Texas, one time big Clyde Barrow came to me. He, a drunkard, was wonderfully saved. He was a fighting guy, weighed away over two hundred pounds. He was about six feet four inches high. That guy was pretty tough when he got drunk. Clyde would fight at the drop of a hat. He came to me one time after he was saved, and said, "Brother Pastor, something sure has happened to me."

"What's that, Clyde?"

"Last night some of the boys wanted me to drink with them, but I said, 'No, I'm saved now. I don't drink any more. No, I'm not going to do it.' He said, 'One little fellow threw beer in my face. It ran all over me, and all down my shirt. He thought that the smell of the beer would make me drink.' But Clyde said, 'You know, I didn't even get mad. I said to that fellow, 'Listen, Bud, you know I could break you in two with my two hands, and if I was the man I used to be six months ago, you know I would! But now I don't care. I'm not mad at you. I'm just going to pray for you.' He said, 'Brother Rice, I stood there with that bunch of ruffians and told them about Je-

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sus and that I'd pray for them. And I came home happy. Something sure has happened to me when I don't fight after somebody throws beer in my face."

Something had happened!

You know, a Christian already has a resurrected Saviour and already has a resurrection life. That is what baptism pictures. How many of you have already been baptized? Do you know what that means? That we are buried in the likeness of His death and raised in the likeness of His resurrection. Isn't that right?

If you told the truth, Sam Gup-till, when you were baptized it meant that this old sinner is dead, so I am going to bury him. At least I am going to count him dead, I'm going to keep him under—this old guy that I used to be. I've got a new heart. A new man lives in me now. I'm going to let him be boss, and I will bury this old sinner. I want everybody to know that I am a new man for God, that I'm going to live a new life. I'm going to live a resurrected life because I have Christ, the resurrected Saviour, in my heart.

If Christ was buried and rose again, that purchased my salvation, so I will count myself buried in the water and raised up as a picture of my coming resurrection and of my coming life with Christ. If you were baptized and you weren't really made into a new creature, you lied to God and to everybody who saw you. If there is anybody here who is a member of a church, or if you weren't really born again when you were baptized, then you ask God to forgive you for that blasphemy and you get a new heart, then go and be baptized again. That is what baptism is supposed to picture. God forgive anybody for going through the ceremonies who still has the old dirty heart and has never been born again. What a blasphemy, what a sin. How hot it will be in Hell for any of you church members who have heard the gospel and are still uncon-verted. The dear Saviour's resurrection means that I have the resurrection, I have Jesus, I have a new life.

It is wonderful to have Jesus in you. "Christ in you, the hope of glory," hope of the resurrection. It is said that a missionary to India was coming back to England on a furlough. He had been in India many, many years and had seen many thousands saved. As they were returning, the ship's captain said one day to the missionary, "Of all the foolish things I can imagine, going down there and preaching to those Hindus. What good can you do them? What do you preach to them?"

"I preach about the crucified Saviour who rose for them. I preach the gospel of salvation." "Oh," the captain said, "why preach that old superstition? Jesus is dead and that's the end of the matter."

"Why," the missionary said, "you don't think that."

"Yes, I do. Of course Jesus is dead, has been dead these nineteen hundred years. Why would you preach about Him?"

The missionary answered, "Sir, you are mistaken, because I talk to Him this morning."

Yes, sir, Jesus is alive. I, too, talked to Him this morning. Jesus is alive. I have talked to Him many times. I know what He has told me, and I know He has made it good. I've proved a thousand times that I serve a living Saviour who has raised me from the death of sin and has given me a new life and heart. He is "Christ in me, the hope of glory."

So the resurrection means a resurrected life for us.

IV. Christ's Resurrection Proves We Will Rise Bodily From the Grave

Fourth, the resurrection of Christ means our own bodily resurrection.

I have stood by many a grave. In Dallas I was pastor of a large

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Searching the Scriptures

Ezra 6

The Captives Return and Rebuild the Temple

Clues Across

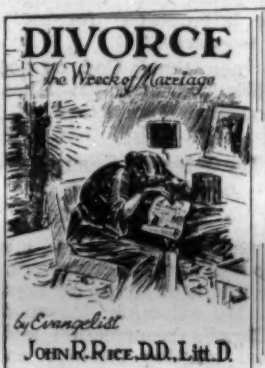
- 1 "_____ prospered through the prophesying of Haggai"
- 4 "the children of the captivity _____ the passover"
- 8 "they set _____ priests in their divisions"
- 11 "neither chasten me in thy _____ displeasure" Ps. 38
- 13 "as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the _____"
- 15 "look from the top of _____ [s]" Song of Sol. 4
- 18 "He that _____ not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all" Rom. 8
- 19 "which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the _____"
- 20 "he _____ them on safely, so that they feared not" Ps. 78
- 21 initials of a king of Judah and the town where he was slain (II Kings 14:17, 19)
- 22 "it shall be as the chased _____" Isa. 13
- 23 "And offered at the _____ of this house of God an hundred bullocks"
- 28 "search was made in the house _____ the rolls"
- 30 "while the flesh was yet between their teeth, _____ it was chewed" Num. 11
- 31 initials of the following:
second wife of Jacob (Gen. 29:28)
seventh son of Jacob (Gen. 30:11)
first wife of Jacob (Gen. 29:23)
- 32 oldest son of Caleb (I Chron. 4:15)
- 33 "They that _____ in tears shall reap in joy" Ps. 126
- 35 "lead captive _____ women laden with sins" II Tim. 3
- 37, 39 "Let the work of _____ of God alone"
- 40 "the children _____ Israel, which were come again out of captivity"
- 41 "the earth _____ with the sound of them" I Kings 1
- 43 first and last letters of man who fought to win Caleb's daughter (Josh. 15:17)
- 44 "let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a _____ for this"
- 48 "Yea, _____ the day was I am he" Isa. 43
- 49 "the _____ that hath caused his name to dwell there"
- 50 "let it be done _____ speed"
- 51 "kept the dedication of this house of God with _____"

Clues Down

- 1 "And _____ which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams"
- 2 "the king doth not fetch _____ again his banished" II Sam. 14
- 3 name of a rock where Samson dwelt (Judg. 15:8)
- 5 first and last letters of valley where David killed Goliath (I Sam. 17:2)
- 6 a fatal epidemic disease (_____ t)
- 7 a gentle pat
- 8 "With _____ rows of great stones, and a row of new timber"
- 9 "Take _____ now that ye fail not to do this" Ezra 4
- 10 "they made an _____ with all the men that had taken strange wives" Ezra 10
- 12 "there was found at Achmetha, in the _____ that is in the province of the Medes"
- 14 claw of a bird of prey
- 16 initials of two mountains (Deut. 32:49; 33:2)
- 17 "Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from _____ to the wilderness" Isa. 16
- 22 "search was made in the house of the _____"
- 23 "the God that hath caused his name to dwell there _____ all kings"
- 24 "like a cloud of _____ the heat of harvest" Isa. 18 (two words)
- 25 father of Shuppim and Huppim (I Chron. 7:12)
- 26 a set of three
- 27 Eskimo house made of snow
- 28 "let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, _____ to banishment" Ezra 7
- 29 "He will _____ the desire of them that fear him" Ps. 145
- 34 brother of Hashubah (I Chron. 3:20)
- 35 "in the _____ of thy wings will I rejoice" Ps. 63
- 36 "Moreover I make a decree what _____ shall do to the elders"
- 38 a spirited horse
- 42 "Howl, O Heshbon, for _____ is spoiled" Jer. 49
- 45 father of Bezaleel (Exod. 31:2)
- 46 "nevertheless at thy word I will let down the _____" Luke 5
- 47 "_____ every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters" Isa. 55
- 48 initials of two friends of Paul (Saul)
Acts 11:25
II Timothy 1

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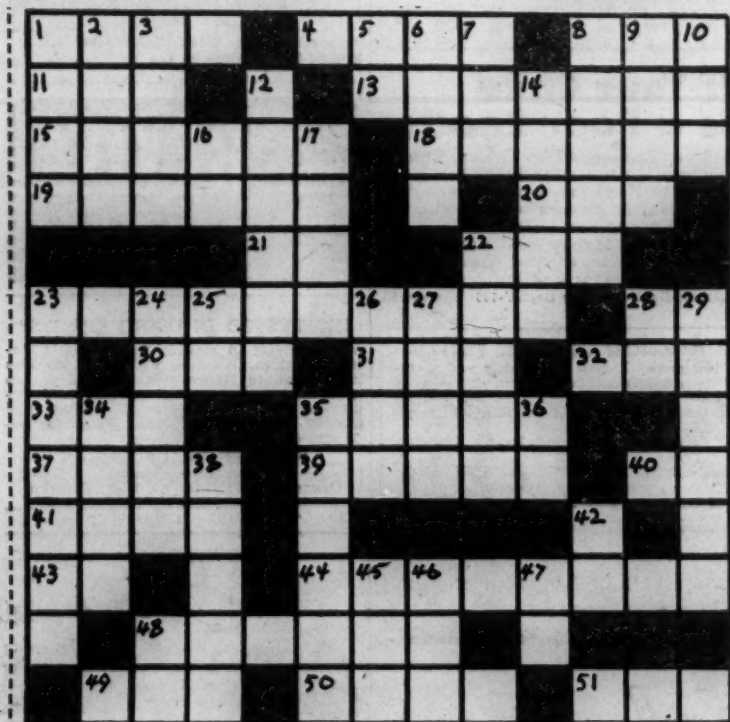
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The Meaning of the Resurrection

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church which reached a membership of seventeen hundred people. Since I had a radio broadcast, multitudes of people looked to me. So when death came, I was often called. I have conducted as many as three funerals in a day. I have been by so many deathbeds. I've stood by so many open graves. I've had my own sorrows. As a child I stood by my mother's open grave and my heart was buried there with her. I missed her so long and so heavily. I say, I've had my open graves; but listen, the grave is not the victory. I like that Scripture, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Thank God, since Jesus rose from the dead, one of these days we shall rise also.

Romans 8:11 says, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

In I Corinthians 15:17-23 we read:

"And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

You plant a garden; you watch it so anxiously. After a while when the first radish, or the first onion, or the first bit of lettuce breaks the little crust of ground and comes through, you say, "Ah! it is all going to come up! Christ is the first fruits, and He rose from the dead. Then all those who put their trust in Him will rise, too."

"If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom. 8:11). Christ is the firstfruits; that proves the rest of it.

One of these days I will see my mother who went to Heaven forty-nine years ago. The Scripture says, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." We don't need to say, "I'm afraid that I'll never see my loved ones." There will be a glad, glorious resurrection and reunion because Jesus rose. My mother will rise, too. I'll rise like Jesus, and I'll have a body like Jesus had. My mother, my father, the saints of all the ages will rise, for Jesus rose, and God will do the same for the rest of us.

You know, the Lord Jesus and I are buddies. You know what I

mean? I am not boasting. One of these days I am going to come up before the Father and I will have a robe on just like Jesus. His perfect righteousness will be no more righteous than mine then. Isn't that right? Even now, "as he is, so are we in this world" (I John 4:17). I thank God that if He arose, I will rise. If He arose, I will rise. I'm His, He is mine. His life, His power, His holiness, His goodness are all transferred to my credit. If He arose, I will rise, too. Bless God, the resurrection of Jesus meant our resurrection, too!

Did you bury your baby? Did you bury your mother? Did some man here lay away in a grave your bride? Did you leave the flowers to wither? And was your heart left there in the cemetery? Then, today you can say, "Thank God, I'll see my baby," or "I'll see my mother," — "I'll see my loved one again, for Jesus rose." So they who put their trust in Him shall rise, too. Wonderful resurrection for us because Christ rose again!

V. Christ's Resurrection Proves Christ Will Reign on Earth

What does the resurrection of Christ mean? It means that Christ is going to reign on the earth. We pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven"; but so often we don't believe it. Do you really believe that Jesus Christ will come back to reign? Well, that is proved by His resurrection. Peter, preaching, said in Acts 2:29, 30:

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne."

Therefore, he spoke of the resurrection of Christ.

The resurrection of Christ proves that He is coming to the throne of David to reign, as promised. Ah, the reigning of Jesus!

Are you tired of the wickedness of this world? Do you say, "Oh, I am tired of men who are profane and men who ignore God and people who won't love Jesus and won't trust Him"? One of these days the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth "as the waters cover the sea." Are you tired of sickness, divorce, sin and war? One of these blessed times the leopard and kid shall lie down together, the bear and the calf shall feed together, the lion and the lamb shall lie down together. One of these times a little child shall play in the cockatrice's den and 'they shall neither hurt nor harm in all my holy mountains.'

Listen, all you lame people; listen, all you blind people; listen, all you people with infirmities of age and with crippling of sin—the Scripture says that "the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of

the dumb sing . . . and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isa. 35:5, 6, 10). Blessed day when Jesus reigns on the earth! Do you ever long for the day when the knowledge of the Lord covers the earth as the waters cover the sea? It is coming because Jesus was raised up to sit on the throne, and that is the meaning of the resurrection.

So when you pray, pray confidently, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth," not just in Heaven, not in some far-off planet, but on this earth. The Lord Jesus will one day be reigning as Master. Listen, all you people who do not love Him, you people who do not pray, "Every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God"! Everybody in Heaven and on earth and in Hell will bow the knee to Jesus Christ, the Bible says. You just as well expect that. The Lord Jesus is coming to reign.

The Bible says, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." All you people who do not know Him and love Him will mourn. But you are going to see Jesus come to reign. People in Hell who crucified Jesus will look up and see Him coming in clouds of glory to reign on the earth. You who last night rejected Jesus are going to see Jesus Christ coming to reign. Oh, the mourning of you who turned Him down and despised Him! The Lord Jesus is coming in wrath for those who reject Him. But coming in mercy and to reign in glory with those who trust Him. He is coming to reign. That is involved in His resurrection, because God has sworn with an oath that He would raise up Christ, according to the flesh, to sit on David's throne. That is one of the things He was raised up for.

VI. Christ's Resurrection Proves He Will Judge Sinners

Last of all, the resurrection of Christ means that Christ is our judge, judge of the unsaved, and has appointed a day of judgment. Let us read it as Paul preached it in Athens, as recorded in Acts 17:30, 31:

"The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

When God raised Jesus from the dead, He said, "I want everybody living—I want every blasphemer, I want every infidel, I want every drunkard, every harlot, every whoremonger, I want every sneering critic — I want everybody to know that I have raised up Jesus because He is going to be a Judge and they will have to stand before Him."

Some of you won't take Jesus as your Saviour. All right, you will take Him then as your Judge. If you will not have Him as your Saviour, you will come with trembling knees; you will come with blanched and white faces; you will come with fear gripping your heart, to be judged for your sins, for God raised up Jesus so that He would be there on the appointed day to judge the world. And you will face Him as your Judge.

I think it was in Houston, Texas, long years ago, before the days of many automobiles, that there was a young fellow in a buggy. As he rode down the street, the horse became frightened and ran. He dashed headlong, the buggy swaying from side to side. The young fellow was about to be dashed to his death when another young man, a young lawyer, ran out into the street and got the horse's bridle and held on and held on. The frantic horse struck him with his front feet. Yet he hung on. His clothes were all torn and body was bruised, but he held the horse and quieted him. The young man climbed out of the buggy and said to the young lawyer, "You have saved my life! You have saved my life!"

Some years went by. That same young man who was in the buggy and whose life was saved some years later was tried for murder and found guilty. The prisoner stood before a judge, and they came to the time for a sentence.

The young man cried out and said, "Judge, judge, don't you know me? I'm the man whose life you saved. Don't you remember that you stopped the horse and saved my life back yonder some years ago? You wouldn't condemn me to die now when you saved my life before, would you?"

The judge said sadly, "I was your saviour, then; but now I'm your judge. I can't save you now. I'm your judge."

One of these days the dear Lord Jesus will be on the throne, the books will be opened, and you will be judged for your sins and sent to Hell, as you deserve to be if you wait until that time, unconverted, unforgiven.

Friend, make sure you take Christ as your Saviour. He longs to be your Saviour. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. He said, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." He said, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

I wish today you would make this decision in your heart. May

God give you special grace to do it. Say, "I'll take Jesus as my Saviour on this Easter Sunday. I'm taking Him as the resurrected Saviour, my Mediator, my life, the resurrection for my body, and the glorious reign on earth that is going to be His and His judgment of all of the sins of the world—I'll take this resurrected Saviour, this High Priest as my Saviour today and have peace and joy!"

Easter? Nobody can have an Easter except those who are converted. Did you think that a new hat makes Easter? Did you think that a flower makes Easter? Did you think that anthems make Easter? That would be silly, wouldn't it? They do not make Easter. What really makes Easter is to have Christ in your heart. Oh, the resurrected Christ, the Saviour! I have Easter in my heart now, and when the flowers here are faded, I will still have Easter. When I go away from the service and away from the sweet ringing of the anthems, I will still have Easter. I have the resurrected Saviour Himself, and you may have, too.



by Viola Walden, Editor's Assistant

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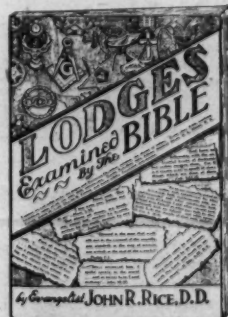
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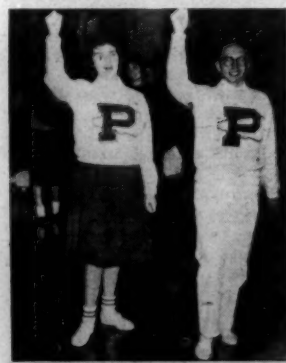
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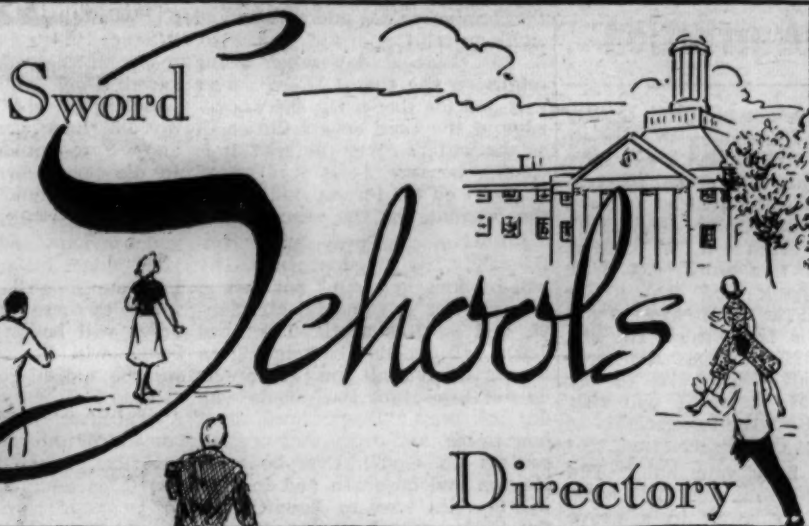
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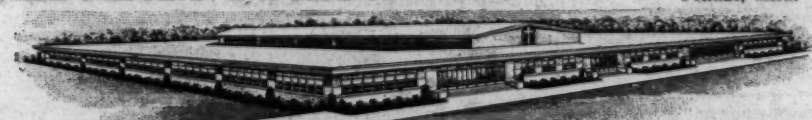
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